War Casualties Decline

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SAIGON, June 26—Battle deaths in Vietnam dropped last week with a lessening in major ground fighting, the allied commands reported today.

U.S. headquarters said 247 Americans were killed in action in the seven-day period that ended at midnight Saturday—a decrease of 88 deaths from 235 the previous week and the lowest since the week ending May 10.

South Vitnamese headquarters said its combat deaths were down about 9 per cent. The two allied commands said enemy losses fell about 12 per cent.

[The Pentagon said 30 American servicemen lost their lives last week through accidents and other causes not connected with combat. The total of such deaths in the war is 6087.]

Following are the combat casualties for the last two weeks, as reported by the allied commands:

	DEAD		WOUNDED	
	June 21	June 14	June 21	June 14
U.S.	247	335	1686	1695
South Vietnamese	474	516	1496	1424
Communist	3988	4504*	not available	

*Revised figure.